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Mon 0500 WOR WRMI 9955 [NEW; see below]
Mon 0515 WOR WBCQ 7415
Wed 0030 WOR WBCQ 7415
Wed 1030 WOR WWCR 9985

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WORLD OF RADIO ON WRMI: All World of Radio times on WRMI have changed:
Sat 1330 on 7385 Sun 0530 on 9955 Mon 0500 on 9955
The 9955 are experimental, to check out propagation and whether it gets jammed altho in English. Please report your results to DXLD and to info @ wrmi.net [later:] 9955 was free of jamming at 0530 March 5, but usual ``soft modulation''. Deep fades several times a minute

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See USA for DXPL times

Solar-terrestrial indices for 04 March follow. Solar flux 75 and mid-latitude A-index 2. The mid-latitude K-index at 0600 UTC on 05 March was 0 (4 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours (SEC via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. 7455, R. Tirana, 0037-0047, Mar. 3, English, YL with news re Albanian politics; music program at 0345. Very weak, poor. // 6115 not much better (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverages, MLB-1, DTS-4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. R. Tirana A-06 shortwave schedule

FREQ	STRT	STOP	CIRA	LOC	POWR	AZIM	DAYS	LANGUAGE
5995	1931	2000	28	SHI	100	0	.234567	ITALIAN
6115	0145	0200	8	SHI	100	300	.234567	ENGLISH
6115	0230	0300	8	SHI	100	300	.234567	ENGLISH
6205	2015	2030	28	SHI	100	0	123456.	SER/CRO
6205	2030	2200	28	SHI	100	0	1234567	ALBANIAN
7105	0630	0900	28	SHI	100	0	1234567	ALBANIAN
7455	2300	0030	8	SHI	100	310	1234567	ALBANIAN
7455	0145	0200	8	SHI	100	310	.234567	ENGLISH
7455	0230	0300	8	SHI	100	310	.234567	ENGLISH
7465	1800	1830	28	SHI	100	0	123456.	GERMAN
7465	1845	1900	27	SHI	100	310	123456.	ENGLISH
7465	2130	2200	27	SHI	100	310	123456.	ENGLISH
9920	1900	1930	27	SHI	100	310	123456.	FRENCH
9920	1931	2000	27	SHI	100	310	123456.	ENGLISH

(RT via Drita Cico, wwdx BC-DX Feb 28 via DXLD)

TWR Europe A-06 shortwave schedule

FREQ	STRT	STOP	CIRAF	ZON	LOC	POWR	AZIM	DAYS	LANGUAGE
6230	1800	1830	28		SHI	100	350	1234567	VAR
6230	1845	1930	27		SHI	100	300	1234567	VAR
6235	0515	0530	28		SHI	100	350	1234567	POL
6235	0530	0545	28,29		SHI	100	350	23456	SLO
7175	1600	1630	28		SHI	100	350	23567	CZE/RUM
7355	1445	1530	28		SHI	100	350	1234567	POL
7355	1533	1603	29S,39N		SHI	100	100	23456	ARM
7375	1533	1603	29S,39N		SHI	100	100	23456	ARM
7380	0515	0530	28		SHI	100	350	1234567	POL
9945	1533	1603	29S,39N		SHI	100	90	23456	ARM
9960	1610	1740	30S,40		SHI	100	90	1234567	PES
11615	1342	1457	28-30		SHI	100	33	1234567	RUS/BEL
11865	0645	0820	27		SHI	100	310	1234567	ENG
12075	1610	1740	30S,40		SHI	100	90	1234567	PES

(TWR EUR, wwdx BC-DX Feb 16 via DXLD) Albanian portion only

** ALGERIA [non]. UNIDENTIFIED, 11915. Tuned here just after 2000 on 2/24 and found strong French broadcast. Mostly two men talking with an occasional ME or African-flavored music selection. Quite sure I heard a quick "Radio Algerienne" ID about 2010 and more mentions of Algeria at 2049. TC at 2100 and into apparent brief news and then a different program from 2002 which ran for that hour. Another "pips" TC at 2200 and then off the air. I don't find any listing for Algeria via France on this frequency and their recently published skeds show all transmissions ending at :58 past the hour and none more than one or two hours in length. Checked again on 2/25 and found it going strong at 1910. So this is a minimum 3-hour span with almost nothing which could be spotted as an ID (Gerry Dexter, WI, DXplorer Feb 26 via BCDX via DXLD)

This was previously covered in DXLD, where I also heard it, and others IDed as ALGERIA, tho the axual site is not certain, FRANCE or GABON? (gh)

** AUSTRALIA. Tennant Creek is finally on the air again, on 4910 at 2240 UT March 5; have been checking for it and first time heard (Chris Hambly, Victoria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [non]. QSL: 9765, CVC International via Juelich, Big old envelope containing a very professional looking, laminated CVC folder called a "DX Pack". Inside was a f/d card, personal letter, SW info with coverage maps, business card and "Profile" sheets of various CVC services. In 27 days for 1 IRC. V/S, "Dallas" (his Aussie nickname!). Wonder how much it costs to print and mail these out? (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverages, MLB-1, DTS-4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also CHILE

** AUSTRALIA. 50 kW on AM goes a Long Way --- I've always marveled at the coverage of 2CR [549 kHz]. Of course in THE USA there are lots of Clear Channel 50 kW that go further. But somewhere in the world is there a powerhouse with better coverage? Daytime only. It covers a large part of NSW as the below Map Link shows:
<http://www2b.abc.net.au/reception/frequencyfinder/asp/largemap.asp?transmissionid=1296&presdir=>
(Keith Ashton, Sydney, March 5, dxing.info via DXLD)

Pretty impressive, but helps a lot to be at the low end of the dial. Looks like the 'adequate' contour exceeds 500 km in some direxions. I wonder what the ground conductivity figures are in NSW? Without any calibration in uv/m it's impossible to compare it with North American 50 kW stations' coverage but 300 miles is not unusual, even for 5 kW in CNAm. Does ``adequate`` take into account ever-rising local noise levels, shrinking effective coverage? (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** BAHAMAS. ZNS 810, 1240 and 1540 noted at 1017 to 1020 operating in Parallel. Have heard these for the last month with seemingly no break in transmission (Bob Wilkner, PÙmpano Beach, South Florida, March 4, HCDX via DXLD)

** BELARUS [non]. POLAND/LITHUANIA/BELARUS, 1080: Ich hab noch ein paar Daten zu Koszecin ausgegraben:

Radio Racja hat den Sender vom 18. Juli 2001 - 25. Januar 2002 benutzt. Die Antennenanlage ist ein Lambda/2 Rundstrahler von 146 m. (Bernd Trutenu, Lithuania, wwdxc BC-DX Feb 25)

** BOLIVIA. 5000 kHz, 2255 04/03/06, R. Virgen de Remedios, Tupiza, ID "...Radio Virgen de Remedios, transmitiendo para Tupiza, Bolivia y el mundo" m'sica religiosa. 55444.

4555.7, 2300 04/03/06 R. Paititi, GuayaramerÌn, Depto. Beni, m'sica latina, programa "Impacto Musical", "...desde AmazÙnica 100.1", "...Èsta es Paititi..." 34433 (Rogildo F. Arag, o, Sony 2001D - LW 20m Quillacollo - Bolivia, radioescutas via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 6105, Radio Cultura Filadelfia, Foz do IguaÙu (probable), 0930-0940, 05-03, locutor, portuguÈs, comentario religioso. No es R·dio CanÁ,o Nova, que est· tambiÈn en esta frecuencia, comprobado al no ser el mismo programa que en 9675 kHz. 24222 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, antena de cable, 10 m. orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMEROONS [non]. 11840, Radio Free Southern Cameroons, [site]???? 1830-1844 March 5, Clandestine with lots of Cameroon Liberation talk. Fair S5 signal with fades. 1841 into traditional music (Keith McGinnis, Hingham MA, Drake R8A with longwires, ABDX via DXLD) Sundays only

Radio Free Southern Cameroons, 12130 [former frequency]. Replied with e-mail, which is not a QSL in traditional meaning, but what can you demand from a clandestine, who says they are transmitting from ``7 pm Southern Cameroons time every Sunday, between 11,000 and 12,000 KW``? I also joined their ``nationalgroup group``, so now I am ``group-groupy`` or how you should explain this? Received today two more replies from the organisation, confirming reception of my report. For some reason a copy of their reply to me was sent to Torre Ekblom in Finland, who did not get his own reply! (Bj^rn Fransson, Sweden, SW Bulletin March 5, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. STUDENTS TO VOTE ON CKUT FUNDING --- MCGILL RADIO

REFERENDUM NEXT WEEK

ALAN HUSTAK and IRWIN BLOCK, THE GAZETTE, Sunday, March 05, 2006

McGill University students will be asked next week whether they want to pull the plug on CKUT Radio McGill, the campus station.

The student society will poll its membership in a 180-word referendum question that asks whether they want to continue to pay to keep the FM station on the air.

With 100,000 listeners across the city, CKUT's appeal extends beyond the campus, noted Eric Lewis, associate professor of philosophy at McGill and former board member and contributor at the radio station.

CKUT features an eclectic mix of programming that covers a broad spectrum in news and music, Lewis said.

Popular shows include Dobbin's Den, a two-hour jazz show on Sunday mornings featuring veteran broadcaster Len Dobbin, popular hip-hop shows like Off The Hook, from midnight to 2 a.m. on Wednesdays, Masters at Work, with Mike Mission and Ken Dawg, Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Folk Roots, Folk Branches, hosted by veteran folk-music critic Mike Regenstrief.

Beyond that, "the station offers viewpoints and music that would otherwise be absent from our airwaves," Lewis said.

Based on CKUT's annual fundraising drive, the station's supporters are not just "Plateau-living 17-to-25-year-olds."

"That's partly due to the variety of the programming," Lewis said, noting that it has programs that serve ethnic communities, including Haitian and Filipino.

Readers of the alternative weekly the Mirror voted Off the Hook best local radio show last year and in 2004. CKUT was also voted the city's best radio station in the Mirror's readers' poll last year.

The station employs 12 people.

Until three years ago, the university administration collected \$4 from each undergraduate student and \$3 from each graduate student to maintain the station. The fees collected represented about 40 per cent of CKUT's annual \$380,000 operating budget. The station depends on advertising and an annual fundraising campaign for the rest of its revenues.

In 2003, the university administration turned the responsibility of

collecting the dues over to the Student Society of McGill University. The student society now has decided to poll students to determine the future of the station, which has been on the air for 18 years.

"The problem is, students haven't been asked for a long time whether they approve of the station," said Aaron Donny-Clark, Student Society vice-president of external affairs. "It's just a question of asking them whether CKUT should continue to exist as a student community radio station, and if they want us to collect the fees to keep it on the air."

The referendum takes place March 12-15.

"We are confident we are going to win," said Michael Zackon, chairperson of CKUT's board of directors. "But there is some opposition to the station, so we have a lot of work to do.

"We're not a Top 40 station, but we provide an alternative source that allows us to be a conduit to a wider Montreal community. We have to make sure we have enough votes to be meaningful. Turnouts on campus are traditionally very low and the results will be determined by the total number of votes."

Complicating matters is that under McGill's rules and regulations governing the referendum, CKUT is not allowed use its airwaves - at 90.3 on the FM band - to state its own case or even make people aware of its situation.

However, there was a live broadcast Friday from McGill's Shatner Building in an attempt to raise the station's profile on campus.

Losing the referendum would mean the station would lose its broadcast licence.

"We would have to reapply to the CRTC to continue broadcasting as a campus community radio station," said Rachel Doran, McGill's outreach co-ordinator for CKUT. "It's not just the budget that is at stake here, but the whole structure of the radio station would come into question. We could lose the building we're in."

Doran said there are contingency plans to find a way to keep CKUT operating in some capacity.

"There are grants we could apply for, but when you are talking 40 per cent of your total budget, it won't be easy." © The Gazette (Montreal) 2006 (via Ricky Leong, AB, DXLD)

Of note, since CKUT is the home of the International Radio Report

(Ricky Leong, Calgary, Alta., DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. 6089.93, Radio Esperanza, Temuco, 1202-1212, March 4, Spanish, local ads: "Universidad Santo Tomás..."; "Neumáticos a precio de nuevo... pare y deténgase por neumáticos... Todoneumáticos, Rodríguez esquina Lagos... teléfono... en Temuco"; ads of Nueva Imperial, 34432 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Noticias DX via DXLD)

** CHILE. Surprised to hear something other than pop and gospel rock on CVC La Voz, at least when checking out the Libyan situation [q.v.]. Sunday March 5 at 1330. There were short selections of classical and semi-classical music on 17680, a pleasant respite from the usual fare. This is, according to program grid at
<http://www.vozcristiana.com/article/frontpage/49>
Sunday 1300-1400 Arte y Cultura con Marisol Popovitz

But that is the only hour out of 168 per week which departs from the nonsense they otherwise broadcast, as far as I can tell from looking over the entire Spanish schedule (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

17680, CVC La Voz, 1545-1605, 04-03, español, programa musical "Top Five Juvenil". "Volveremos la próxima semana por la señal satelital de CVC La Voz". "CVC, cambiando la historia de la radio". A las 1600 noticias. 34333 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, antena de cable, 10 m. orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. Not sure if you can answer this but I seem to be getting a lot of emails from CRI and the person writing is Yinglian; would you happen to know if this is a male or female. Anyways thanks for the help and hope to write soon (Larry Fields, n6hpx/mm, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yinglian is a ``collective name`` for English section staff. So it could be either or both. Ying means English, not sure what lian means. One of the traits of Chinese communism --- Perhaps they are forbidden to sign their own individual names. 73, (Glenn to Larry, via DXLD)

Thanks, Glenn, it did have me rather curious as the party never did say whether they were male or female. I have been getting a lot of emails from 'em; they mentioned a program in July about their version of Valentine's Day and the party never did answer some questions on this. 73's (from Yemen coast line, Larry Fields, ibid.)

Whenever this name appears I put [collective name] after it. Those who read DXLD closely pick up on tidbits like this (gh)

** CHINA. 6155, CBR/CNR2, Mar 3, 1310-1348, ``You are listening to English Evening on China Business Radio with Alan and Joy,`` ``Coffee Corner is sponsored by China National Radio and Studio Classroom Magazine,`` segment with Vickie and Steve talking about Hilary Swank, // 6065, 7140 and 7245. Heard regularly with fair reception (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COSTA RICA. 5054.6, Faro del Caribe, 0557-0720, 05-04, espaÑol, programa religioso, identificaciÛn: "Desde San JosÈ, Costa Rica, esta es Faro del Caribe". Buena seÛal. Faro del Caribe est. pidiendo a travÈs de sus programas, se le enviÛn informes de recepcÛn: "Estamos a la espera de sus reportes de recepcÛn, nuestro apartado postal: Faro del Caribe, Apartado 2710 1000 San JosÈ, Costa Rica, nuestro e-mail, 1080 @ farodelcaribe.org " 34333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, antena de cable, 10 m. orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 9505, Radio Rebelde, 1023-1150. 04-03, deportes, transmisiÛn partidos de baseball, identificaciÛn: "Estamos en todas partes, Rebelde en la red de redes <http://www.radio rebelde.com.cu> " A las 1030, noticias y el tiempo en Cuba. 45444. En parelelo con 11655 con SINPO 33333 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, antena de cable, 10 m. orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So they play baseball at 6:23 am in Cuba! Or unlike yanquis, don't mind delayed silly ballgame broadcasts (gh, DXLD) See also VENEZUELA

** CZECH REPUBLIC. A-06 schedule of Radio Prague:

CZECH	0130-0157	6200	7345
	0230-0257	7345	9870
	0830-0857	11600	15710
	0930-0957	9880	21745 additional
	1100-1127	11665	15710
	1230-1257	6055	7345
	1330-1357	13580	17540
	1530-1557	5930	17485
	1730-1757	5930	17485
	1930-1957	5930	11600
	2100-2127	9410	11600
	2330-2357	7345	9440
ENGLISH	0000-0027	7345	9440
	0100-0127	6200	7345
	0300-0327	7345	9870
	0330-0357	9445	11600
	0700-0727	9880	11600
	0900-0927	9880	21745 additional

	1030-1057	9880	11665		
	1300-1327	13580	17540	[try this one in NAm --- gh]	
	1600-1627	5930	17485		
	1700-1727	5930	17485		
	2000-2027	5930	11600		
	2130-2157	9410	11600	additional	
	2230-2257	7345	9415		
GERMAN	0630-0657	5930	7345		
	1000-1027	6055	9880		
	1200-1227	6055	7345		
	1500-1527	5930			
	1630-1657	11825	Armavir-Krasnodar, Russia relay		
FRENCH	0600-0627	5930	7345		
	0730-0757	9880	11600		
	1630-1657	5930	17485		
	1830-1857	5930	13580		
	2200-2227	7345	9415		
RUSSIAN	0400-0427	9445	11600		
	1130-1157	11665	15710		
	1430-1457	9410	13580		
	1800-1827	7390	Novosibirsk, Russia relay		
SPANISH	0000-0027	11665	Ascension relay		
	0030-0057	7345	9440		
	0200-0227	6200	7345		
	0800-0827	11600	15710		
	1400-1427	11625	13580		
	1800-1827	5930	13580		
	1900-1927	5930	13580		
	2030-2057	5930	11600		
	2300-2327	7345	9415		
ARM=Armavir, Russia		250	kW	ASC=Ascension Island	250 kW
NVS=Novosibirsk, Russia		250	kW		
LIT=Litomysl, Czech Rep.		100	kW	for all other frequencies (RP via ADDX	
Andreas Volk, adapted by wb, wwdx BC-DX Mar 3 via DXLD)					

** DIEGO GARCIA. Re 6-039: Like you I wanted to know the GMT time of the schedule. This page shows Diego Garcia to be UTC +6:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=932>
As does this page: <http://www.dg.navy.mil/>
(Steve Lare, Holland, MI USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

After seeing what looked like a local DG web site at
<http://www.dg.navy.mil/> and also after seeing a time site at
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=932> I assumed DG was UT + 6, so my e-mailed reception report to AFN reflected both UT and local (UT + 6) times. Maybe someone has a more definitive answer than just these two sites? (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Longitude is 72-25 east, which means it OUGHT to be UT +5, which if people had not messed with longitudinal TZ boundaries, would range from 67-30 to 82-30 east. It is claimed that no DST is in effect, but if it is always UT +6, that amounts to DST. No doubt they do observe +6 as it's on their own website, and I think that would mesh better with the previously reported changeover times (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also SRI LANKA

** DIEGO GARCIA. 4319U, AFN, 0010-0020, Mar. 1, English, "Sports By-line" program with Dennis Rodman interview, PSA's re "Homeland Security". Very poor (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverages, MLB-1, DTS-4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE [and non]. SYRIA TO SLUG SLIGO. Not to mention WBCQ, both of which I neglected to mention in 6-039 along with this item under EUROPE [Sat 2100-2230]. Sligo is likely to encounter a wee collision if and when it try to use 9330 at this time; just because it may be clear in the morning does not mean it will be in the evening (Glenn Hauser, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[cf SYRIA] Mick, You might also want to look for Sligo, the Europirate, which is supposedly on 9330 at 21-2230 today (Glenn to Mick, via DXLD)

Sorry Glenn, for some reason I received your e-mail later this afternoon so I missed the scheduled time. I did listen to Damascus past 2125 with their repeat of English so Sligo had no chance here until presumed RD sign-off after 2205 plus (Mick Delmage, AB, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Then there would be Spanish

** FALKLAND ISLANDS [non]. Llamando a Malvinas
UNA DECISION QUE ENOJA A LOS ISLEOS

La BBC deja de transmitir su programa de radio destinado a las Malvinas.

"Llamando a Malvinas" se transmite de Londres a las islas desde 1944. En la guerra de 1982 mantuvo informados a los isleos. La cadena estatal británica adujo razones económicas para sacarlo del aire.

Durante 62 años fue la voz colonial que informaba a los isleos en las Malvinas. En el siglo XXI y en nombre de una reestructuración más simbólica que ahorrativa, el servicio mundial de la BBC decidió poner punto final a su histórico "Falkland Island Service", un boletín con el que dos veces a la semana se informaban desde Londres los 2.800 habitantes en las remotas islas del Atlántico Sur.

"Calling the Falkland" [sic] fue el programa que mantuvo a los isleños informados durante la guerra en 1982. En este nuevo siglo est· un poco "demodÈ" ante las nuevas necesidades estratégicas de los brit·nicos. La BBC ha explicado su extinciÛn en el ahorro necesario para solventar un canal de televisiÛn en ·rabe con el que competir· con Al Jazeera, la cadena con sede en Qatar que comienza ahora a emitir en inglÈs 24 horas.

En la Guerra de Malvinas, el programa de la BBC era el ·nico medio de comunicaciÛn externo de los isleños y no pocos mensajes codificados a "la resistencia" a los argentinos se transmitieron por esa vía.

En realidad los ahorros por los recortes son ·nfimos. El programa se hacía con dos periodistas y unos pocas miles de libras esterlinas. Pero de alguna manera era casi una incÛmoda presencia colonial en tÈrminos de relaciones p·blicas para la BBC.

Las noticias del fin del servicio scandalizaron a los isleños, que consideran a su servicio vital para su comunidad. "Va a ser muy extraÑado el servicio. Nosotros tenemos televisiÛn ahora, pero mucha gente lo sigue escuchando. En el conflicto era donde toda la gente se informaba", explicÛ Norma Edwards, una isleña que fue consejera en el gobierno local desde 1985.

Los isleños est·n furiosos con que la decisiÛn de cortar el servicio se haya adoptado sin consultas. Pero el servicio mundial de la BBC mantuvo secretas negociaciones con el gobierno isleño sobre el cambio.

Uno de los pocos isleños consultados dijo a The Times de Londres que Él se sentía "enojado porque lo presentaron como un hecho consumado y como si fuera una buena noticia".

"Calling the Falkland" se transmitía dos veces por semana durante 15 minutos los martes y los viernes por la noche. SÛlo incluía tres o cuatro item que desde Londres se consideraba que podría interesarles a los isleños.

Para justificar los cortes, la BBC asegurÛ que ellos prefieren ayudar a los isleños a tener su propio servicio ahora que tiene Internet, su propia radio y televisiÛn.

Andrew Rosindell, el conservador secretario de todos los partidos en las islas, estaba incÛmodo con la decision. "Por la pequeÑa cantidad de dinero salvada, esta decisiÛn sera interpretada en Buenos Aires como un signo de que el gobierno brit·nico no cree en la importancia de mantener los v·nculos con Malvinas", dijo.

Al mismo tiempo pidiÛ una entrevista con Mark Thompson [sic], el

director general de la BBC, para que explique las razones de su decisin.

Los isleos van a depender ahora de su radio local, pero algunas casas tienen antenas satelitales que les permiten ver los programas destinados a las fuerzas armadas britnicas con su dieta de ftbol y telenovelas.

La BBC va a entrenar el personal de la nueva radio y proveer 160 horas de programacin anual para hacer la transicin menos traumtica. Argentina no tiene un servicio de radio que es escuchado en las Malvinas, segn los isleos (Fuente: Maria L. Avignolo, Corresposal en Paris, Clarn, Argentina, 4 Marzo 2006 via Gabriel Ivn Barrera, Noticias DX via DXLD)

This reads like a direct translation of earlier stories in English about this published elsewhere (gh, DXLD)

** FINLAND. 11690, Scandinavian Weekend Radio, 1030-1100, 04-03, msica pop, locutor, finlands, identificacin: "Scandinavian Weekend Radio". A las 1100 interferencia de HCJB, Ecuador, con programa en espaol. 23322. Tambin 11720, 1336-1345, 04-03, msica pop. 24122 (Manuel Mndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, antena de cable, 10 m. orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FRANCE. 963, Paris Live Radio - their web site announces that their temporary licence (3 months) will start the next 24th of March 2006, on 963 kHz <http://www.parislive.fm/>

Paris Live Radio will be an English-language station aimed at foreign visitors and English-speaking residents in the French capital. At this time I have no informations about the site and power (Thierry Vignaud, France, via Bengt Ericson, Sweden, via ARC MV-Eko Feb 27)

** GABON. See LIBYA [and non]

** GEORGIA. Re DXLD 6-039: Unfortunately, the cached copy of the Web page also disappeared from Google! Within 24 hours. These robots don't recognise when something is worth keeping :-((Andy Sennitt, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Now try the wayback machine? (gh)

** GERMANY. DRM --- Is there a DW transmission on 1630 kHz? It seems there is a weak DRM signal from 0000-0100 UT. Using DREAM, the SNR is usually <5dB, but the station display occasionally shows:
AAC (24 kHz) mono/English/Information
EEP / ID 1001
11.64 kbps Deutsche Welle

(Julian Hardstone, Manchester, UK, DRM-DX Mar 4 via BCDX via DXLD)

Perhaps Dream/DRM are not immune to producing images; from 49 mb, like happens with analog? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** GERMANY. MV Baltic Radio is on air again Sunday, 5th March 2006, at 1300 o'clock UT in the 49-m-European-Shortwave-Band, 6130 kHz [via Juelich, 100 kW, 60 degrees]

Neben den Infos aus MV stehen diesmal Pop-Saengerinnen im Mittelpunkt. Kontakt ueber:

R&R Medienservice, Roland Rohde, Seestrasse 17, 19089 Goehren, Deutschland. Telefon: ++49 (0) 178 8953872 Telefax: ++49 (0) 3861 3029720. E-Mail: info @ mvbalticradio.de Internet: <http://www.mvbalticradio.de>

(Klaus Fuehrlich-D, A-DX Mar 3 via BC DX via DXLD) Every Sunday?

** GREECE. Perhaps the powers that be at ERA 5 will start moving before the closing date. Otherwise, we go back to the two 100-kW transmitters and the 70-kW transmitter at Avlis. Back in 1987, Avlis had two 100-kW transmitters, one of which was damaged, and the use of a 250-kW VOA transmitter at Kavala. Options available at the present time seem to be like so:

#1 Take over the Kavala site for ERA 5 operations, #2 Get busy putting those VOA-donated transmitters at Avlis and Thessaloniki into operation, #3 Use only the three present transmitters now at Avlis, #4 Depends on what the agreement at Delano and Greenville is based on.

Katerina: It seems that the futball previews were more important than your Greeks Everywhere program this Saturday; maybe you'll be on next Saturday (John Babbis, MD, to VOG, March 4, via DXLD)

Hello, another aspect of this matter: What will actually happen to the Kavala plant once IBB ceased to operate it? Let me throw in these excerpts from DXLD 6-032 as a really wild speculation. Perhaps "Australia" is no misprint for "Austria" but just entirely wrong? Big transmitter site, covering Europe and the Middle East, perfectly matches Kavala . . .

``INTERNATIONAL. Starting in Jan 2006 the new name worldwide is CVC, and for their Spanish Service it will be CVC-La Voz. This includes a new logo and 2006 programming after a new strategy plan presented on Nov 6-8 at a Second affiliates meeting at Santiago de Chile was approved. The press release in Spanish quoted below gives this info and more, which I translate: In these days (as of Nov 2005) they are studying the possibility of buying the biggest SW transmitter site in

Australia in order to improve coverage for Europe and Middle East.
<http://www.vozcristiana.com/article/articleview/1794/1/10/>

This does not make sense: they already own (at least for a while longer), the Cox Peninsula SW facility (Darwin), and now they are studying the possibility of buying the largest SW installation in Australia, to cover Eu and the ME??? Is Shepparton ``larger'' than Darwin? Surely does not refer to that, and covering Eu and ME from either is problematical. Maybe that was a misprint for Austria??? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)`` (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Wild, indeed, but CVC seem to be rolling in dough; see AUSTRALIA

** GREECE. 9935, 22.2 1257, ERT3 Thessaloniki with "News in Brief" in English. The part lasted for two minutes and included the weather for Thessaloniki and Macedonia. Before that a relay of a programme from Deutsche Welle in Greek. 4 CB (Christer Brunström, Sweden, SW Bulletin March 5, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST) Despite what they said about the wide variability in timing, reports keep coming of hearing this in the 1255-1300 period (gh)

** GREECE. Pirate greche --- Ciao a tutti, e' da un po di sere che mi metto ad ascoltare le stazioni pirate che arrivano in onde medie dalla Grecia. Ecco un band scan effettuato stasera, intorno alle 2200 UT, usando un ICOM 756 (nuovo giocattolo di casa) e un antenna canna da pesca 7 metri con balun 4:1.

khz descrizione
1625 Parlato in greco + musica tipo sirtaki (+ pop)
1638 Musica greca tradizionale
1645 Musica stile discoteca ..sempre cantata in greco
1654 Musica greca tradizionale - Ottimo segnale.. modulazione ottima !
1680 Musica greca tradizionale
1693 Parlato in greco, conduttore con echo sotto la voce + musica tipo sirtaki
1727 Parlato in greco, il segnale va e viene,,,
1720 Musica greca tradizionale
1735 Musica stile disco, veramente orribile. conduttore con echo.

I segnali sono tutti abbastanza buoni, spesso la frequenza del trasmettitore non e' cosi' fissa, usando lo scope dell-IC-756 si nota subito. Comunque e' incredibile quante stazioni sono attive, ogni sera piu' di 5/6 emissioni pirata sopra i 1611 khz sono ricevibili qui da Roma. C'e' qualcuno altro in lista che la sera le riceve ??

Saluti, Andrea Borgnino IW0HK <http://www.mediasuk.org/iw0hk>
<http://www.mediasuk.org/archive> <http://www.biciurbana.org>
(bclnews.it March 3 via DXLD)

Anche da queste parti arrivano molto molto forte, spesso con le relative armoniche. Difficile che ci sia una serata senza nessuno di questi segnali (Roberto Scaglione, Sicilia, ibid.)

** GUATEMALA. 4780, R. Cultural Coat·n, fair-good at 1040-1110 UT with pleasant Spanish vocals, most of a religious character; many IDs including a very full one with frequency, station name, and "en la Rep·blica de Guatemala" at 1058 UT; all IDs as R. Coat·n; at one point the announcer asked for letters from listeners; I thought he was about to read reception reports! (Jim Ronda, OK, DXplorer Mar 4 via BCDX via DXLD)

** HUNGARY. R. Budapest A-06 registrations. All antennas from Diosd and Szekesfehervar have been moved to Jaszbereny. No broadcasts via neighbour Rimavska-Sobota in Slovakia anymore.

FREQ	STRT	STOP	CIRAF	LOC	POWR	AZIM	DAYS	LANGUAGE
3975	0300	0330	29	JBR	250	0	1234567	Russian
3975	0330	0400	27,28,37	JBR	250	0	1234567	Spanish
3975	1630	1700	28	JBR	250	0	1234567	Italian
3975	1700	1800	27,28	JBR	250	0	1	German
3975	1730	1800	27,28	JBR	250	0	234567	German
3975	1800	1900	28	JBR	250	0	1234567	Hungarian
3975	1900	1930	18,27-29	JBR	250	0	1234567	English
3975	1930	2000	27,28	JBR	250	0	234567	German
3975	1930	2000	29	JBR	250	0	1	Russian
3975	2000	2030	27,28	JBR	250	0	1234567	French
3975	2030	2100	28	JBR	250	0	1234567	Italian
3975	2100	2200	18,27-29	JBR	250	0	1234567	Hungarian
6025	0300	0330	29	JBR	100	0	1234567	Russian
6025	0330	0400	27,28,37	JBR	100	245	1234567	Spanish
6025	1200	1300	27,28	JBR	100	288	1	German
6025	1400	1500	27,28	JBR	100	288	1	German
6025	1600	1630	27,28	JBR	100	288	1234567	French
6025	1630	1700	28	JBR	100	225	1234567	Italian
6025	1700	1730	29	JBR	100	55	234567	Russian
6025	1700	1800	27,28	JBR	100	288	1	German
6025	1730	1800	27,28	JBR	100	288	234567	German
6025	1930	2000	27,28	JBR	100	288	234567	German
6025	1930	2000	29	JBR	100	55	1	Russian
6025	2000	2030	27,28	JBR	100	288	1234567	French
6025	2030	2100	28	JBR	100	225	1234567	Italian
6025	2100	2130	27,28	JBR	100	0	1234567	English
6025	2130	2200	27,28,37	JBR	100	245	1234567	Spanish
6025	1500	1530	18,27-29	JBR	250	0	1	English
6025	1530	1600	29	JBR	250	0	1	Russian
6025	1900	1930	27,28	JBR	250	288	1234567	English

6025 0400 1200 28	JBR	100 0	1	Hungarian
6025 0400 1600 28	JBR	100 0	234567	Hungarian
6025 1300 1400 28	JBR	100 0	1	Hungarian
6025 1800 1900 28	JBR	100 0	1234567	Hungarian
6025 2200 2300 28	JBR	100 0	1234567	Hungarian
7160 1400 1500 27,28	JBR	250 288	1	German
7220 1200 1300 27,28	JBR	250 288	1	German
7250 2130 2200 27,28,37	JBR	250 245	1234567	Spanish
9525 2100 2130 52,53,57	JBR	250 187	1234567	English
9560 1700 1730 29	JBR	250 55	234567	Russian
9590 0100 0130 3,4,6-9	JBR	250 306	1234567	English
9690 1500 1530 18,28,29	JBR	250 7	1	English
9690 1530 1600 29	JBR	250 55	1	Russian
9770 0000 0100 3,4,6-9	JBR	250 306	1234567	Hungarian
9795 0230 0300 3,4,6-9	JBR	250 306	1234567	English

6040 0130 0230 3,4,6-9 JBR 250 306 1234567 Hungarian
 [sic, out of order; should be 9840? Or last minute change to 6040
 without putting it in proper order?]

9850 2200 2300 13-16	JBR	250 245	1234567	Hungarian
9850 2300 2400 13-16	JBR	250 245	1	Hungarian
9860 1600 1630 27,28	JBR	250 288	1234567	French
11695 2000 2100 3,4,6-9	JBR	250 306	1234567	Hungarian
11840 1800 1900 55,58,59	JBR	250 75	1234567	Hungarian
12030 2200 2300 13-16	JBR	250 245	1234567	Hungarian
12030 2300 2400 13-16	JBR	250 245	1	Hungarian
15335 1700 1800 52,53,57	JBR	250 187	1234567	Hungarian
21590 1100 1200 55,58,59	JBR	250 104	1234567	Hungarian

(R Budapest via ADDX Andreas Volk-D, adapted by wb, wwdx BC-DX Mar 3
 via DXLD)

Saludos cordiales, hace pocos dìas se anunciò que Radio Budapest
 estaba en peligro y que posiblemente se cerrarìan las emisiones
 internacionales de Onda Corta. Al respecto me ha parecido muy curioso
 que esta emisora haya sido la primera en anunciar sus frecuencias
 v·lidas para el perìodo A-06, desde el 26 de marzo hasta el 28 de
 octubre del 2006. øCÙmo interpretar esto? øEs para despistar o para
 desmentir el rumor? Atentos pues en los prÙximos dìas a lo que pueda
 acontecer sobre esta emisora (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, condig list
 via DXLD)

This is nothing unusual; such schedules have to be co^rdinated months
 in advance. As long as there is any possibility that the schedule will
 be needed, the process goes forward. That will not prevent R. Budapest
 from closing down at any time if it has to. Lots of 'tentative'
 registrations are on the books (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, Mar 3, 1437-1450 in English, woman DJ with list of people dedicating and requesting songs, played ``western music``(light pop songs), ``This is the North Eastern Service of All India Radio broadcasting from Shillong.`` I especially enjoy this AIR station, as they give so many local IDs. Fair (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. 9525, VOI, Mar 1, on the air again for about the past week, between 1016-1400* in various languages. Good signal. Glenn, the open carrier did not stay on long after 1400. Not heard Mar 4 & 5 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15150, RRI, Voz de Indonesia, 1705-1730, 04-03, programa en espaÑol, noticias de Indonesia, locutor: "Hasta aquÌ las noticias de La Voz de Indonesia en Jakarta", programa "Conociendo Indonesia". A las 1710 identificaciÛn en inglÈs: "Radio Republik Indonesia, The Voice of Indonesia from Jakarta, visit our website: <http://www.rri-online.com> " 45444 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, antena de cable, 10 m. orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 3945, R. Nikkei (tentative), Mar 5, 0845-0900*, non-stop pop music, sign-off announcement in Japanese. Weak. Not // 6055 nor 3925 (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. Did note as you have probably heard, Radio Japan will continue a bi-weekly listeners letterbox/DX/cultural program after the last Hello from Tokyo the April 1 weekend (one week later than first announced). (Mick Delmage, AB, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. Radio Japan "NHK World" in A-06 season. A lot of additional Japanese service registrations to NE/ME/NoAF.

To SoEaAS

Burmese	1030-1100 11740SNG 2320-2340 13650	1230-1300 9695
Chinese	0600-0630 17860 2240-2300 13650	1200-1230 11740SNG 2340-0000 13630 17810
English	0100-0200 17810 11860SNG 0500-0600 17810 1000-1200 9695 0000-0015 13650 17810	0600-0700 11740SNG 1400-1600 7200
Indonesian	0930-1000 9695 2300-2320 17810	1130-1200 & 1230-1300 13660 2340-0000 13650
Japanese	0200-0300 11860SNG New0600-0700 15405 0700-0900 17860	0200-0500 17810 0700-1000 11740SNG

	0900-1600 11815	1600-1900 7200
	1900-0100 13680	2000-2200 11665
Malay	1200-1230 9695 13660	1300-1330 9695
	2240-2300 17810	
Thai	1130-1200 11740SNG	1330-1400 7200
	2300-2320 13650	
Vietnamese	1100-1130 13660	1230-1300 11740SNG
	2320-2340 17810	

To Asian Continent

Chinese	0400-0430 & 0500-0530 17845	
	1200-1230, 1300-1330 6190	1430-1500 6190
	2230-2250 9560	
English	0100-0200 17845	0500-0700 15195
	1000-1200 11730	1500-1600 6190
Japanese	0200-0300 17845	0100-0500 & 0700-0800 15195
	0800-1700 9750	1600-1900 6035
	1900-0100 11910	2000-2100 6165
	2100-2200 9560	
Korean	0430-0500 & 0530-0600 17845	1115-1145 6090
	1230-1300 & 1400-1430 6190	
	2210-2230 9560	
Russian	0330-0400 17845	1330-1400 6190

To FE Russia

English	0600-0700 11715 11760	
Japanese	0700-0800 6145 6165	
Russian	0530-0600 11715 11760	
	0800-0830 6145 6165	1900-1920 5955

To SoWeAS

Bengali	0630-0700 15590 11890SRI	1230-1300 11890SRI
English	0100-0200 15325	1400-1600 11730
Hindi	0700-0730 15590 11890SRI	1300-1330 11890SRI
Japanese	0200-1000 15325	0800-1200 15590
	New1200-1600 11860	
	1500-1800 12045SNG (x17- 11865SNG)	
	New1600-0200 11725	
Urdu	0730-0800 15590 11890SRI	1330-1400 11890SRI

To Oceania

English	0100-0200 17685	0300-0400 21610
	0500-0700 & 1000-1100 21755	1400-1500 11840SRI
	2100-2200 6035SNG	
Japanese	0300-0500 17685	
	0700-1000 21755 11920SNG	1700-1900 7140
	1900-2100 6035SNG	2200-2300 11770SRI

To NoAM

English	0000-0100	6145CAN	0100-0200	17825
	0500-0600	6110CAN(West)	0600-0700	13630
	1000-1200	6120CAN(East)	1500-1600	9505
	1700-1800	9535	2100-2200	17825
Japanese	0200-0500	5960CAN(Ea)	0300-0500	17825
	0800-1000	9540	1300-1500	11705CAN(Ea)
	1500-1700	9535	2200-2300	17825

To Hawaii

English	0600-0700	17870	2100-2200	21670
Japanese	0700-0800	17870	0800-1000	9825
	1700-1900	9835		

To CeAM

English	0100-0200	17825	0600-0700	13630
	1500-1600	9505	1700-1800	9535
	New2100-2200	17825		
Japanese	0300-0500	17825	0800-1000	9540
	1500-1700	9535		
	2200-2300	11895GUF	17825	
Spanish	0500-0530	11895GUF	1000-1030	9540

To SoAM

English	0100-0200	11935BON		
Japanese	0200-0300	11935BON	0300-0400	9660GUF
	0800-1000	9825 9530GUF	1700-1800	21600GUF
	1700-1900	9835	2200-2300	15220ASC
	2300-2400	17605BON		
Portug	0230-0300	9660GUF	1030-1100	9530GUF(East)
Spanish	0400-0430	9660GUF		
	1000-1030	9710 9530GUF(East)		

To Europe

English	0500-0600	5975UKr	0500-0700	7230UKw
	1000-1100	17585UAE	1600-1700DRM	9770UKr
	1700-1800	11970		
	2100-2200	6055UKs 6180UKs		
French	0630-0700	11970GAB	1800-1820	11970
German	0600-0630	11970GAB		
	1100-1130	9660UKs 11710UKs		
Italian	0530-0545	11970GAB	1030-1045	21820GAB
Japanese	0800-1000	11710UKs	1700-1800	9750UKr
	1700-1900	6175UKs	2000-2100	11970
	2200-2300	6115UKs		
Russian	0430-0500	11970GAB	1130-1200	11710UKs
	1840-1900	11970		
Spanish	0500-0530	11970GAB	1820-1840	11970

Swedish 0545-0600 11970GAB 1045-1100 21820GAB

To ME & NoAF

Arabic	0400-0430 17780SRI	0700-0730 15220ASC
	New1200-1215 17560	
English	0100-0200 5960UKr 17720	1000-1100 17585UAE
French	0500-0530 17820SRI	1630-1650 11785
Japanese	0200-0500 17560	0800-1000 17720UAE
	New0500-0800 17700	
	New0800-1000 17895	
	New1000-1500 17835	
	New1500-2000 17610	
	1700-1900 13740UAE	2200-2300 9650UAE
	New2000-0100 17700	
Persian	0230-0300 17780SRI	0830-0900 17675SRI

To Africa

Arabic	0400-0430 17780SRI	0700-0730 15220ASC
English	1700-1800 15355GAB(South)	
	2100-2200 11855ASC(Central)	
French	1230-1300 15400ASC(West) 17870ASC(Central)	
	1800-1820 9685 11785	
Japanese	0800-1000 17650ASC(West)	
	1500-1700 21630ASC(Central)	
	1800-1900 15355GAB(South)	
Swahili	0330-0400 6135ASC(Central)	
	1300-1330 17870ASC(Central)	

Relays:

ASC = Ascension 250 kW BON = BonaireATN 250kW CAN = Sackville 250 kW
GAB = Gabon 500 kW GUF = Fr.Guiana 300 kW SNG = Singapore 100/250
SRI = Sri Lanka 300 kW UAE = Al Dhabba 500 kW
UK = United Kingdom, RMP 500 kW, SKN 250/300 kW, WOF 250/300 kW
Remaining direct via Yamata-Japan.

Please be advised that the schedule is subject to change.

Radio Japan info @ int1.nhk.or.jp (NHK A-06 and VT A-06 schedules,
adapted by wb, wwdx BC-DX Mar 2 via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN [non]. Re 6-039, 8100 kHz: Bishkek outlet on 4050, which
last carried Hits Shortwave, has been off for a long time. 73 (Jari
Savolainen, Finland, March 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS [non]. Re Hmong Lao Radio reported on 15105: Dear Glenn: I
heard a 100% non-English broadcast and I IDed the station, unknown
what happened. 73s (Nicol's Eramo, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Remains a mystery. I forgot to check the following Saturday during the

1300 hour on 15105, but on Sunday March 5 at 1330 I was hearing BBC English mixed with something weaker, Romania I suppose. And HLR did run from 14 to 15 on WHRI 11785. WHR might have mistakenly reverted to old schedule that day. Maybe it was the other HLR broadcast for Laos itself? No, per <http://www.hmonglaoradio.org/> that is scheduled on 15260 Wed & Fri at 0100-0200, presumably via Taiwan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [and non]. Saludos cordiales, hoy 4 de Marzo, Sawt Al-amal transmitiendo por 17695, pero a las 1220 se inicia emisiÛn de m'sica, hoy no es de estilo afro-pop, la m'sica es agradable, tirando a reggae, tambiÛn se aprecia seÛal de burbuja. Seg'n la HFCC, en Esta frecuencia la BBC vía Meyerton en Sudfrica de 0700-0730, podría ser Este un lugar de transmisiÛn de Sawt Al-amal??? (JosÈ Miguel Romero, Spain, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, it is possible that the Afro-pop station is via Meyerton as this is one of the other high power (southern African) stations that could be utilised. BUT, for various reasons I think that Gabon is the most likely location.

Why does 17630 leave the air when the Afro-Pops appear? Would Meyerton be willing to operate in this manner and on different frequencies each day? And note that many of the songs have Afro-French lyrics too. What is taking place is being coordinated on behalf of Libya each day - by whom is the BIG question. 73 (Noel R. Green, England, *ibid.*)

JMR was suggesting that Sawt al-Amal itself was coming from Meyerton; doubt that too. Usage of the same frequency many hours earlier, especially when it changes from day to day, has no bearing on this situation. When I checked around 1455, Afro-pop music was on 17690 instead until 1530* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But, but Noel, Africa N. 1 was on its regular 17630 at 1500 loud and clear, this Costa Rica morning, while I've just told JosÈ Miguel the afro-pops station was on 17690 this time with the bubble jammer. They will end chasing each other, like cat and mouse, at the top end of the 16 mb. So, must be another Gabon transmitter or Meyerton as suggested. (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Saludos JosÈ Miguel: Me di un paseo despuÈs de las 1400 por la Zona del Festival Libio-;rabe y como que se ha ido disminuyendo la cacerÌa que se tenían en esa parte del espectro entre 17660 y 17680, porque salvo CVC La Voz, en esta l'tima frecuencia, hoy me encontré con la emisora afro-pops combinada con el burbujeo en 17690. Si siguen en este juego, terminar;n persiguiÈndose a fin de aÑo hasta el tope alto de la banda de 16m. A menos que sea otro transmisor desde GabÙn, la emisora de afro-pops no es Africa N.1, pues Esta se encontraba hoy

di·fana en 17630. 73s y buen DX (Ra'l Saavedra, Costa Rica, ibid.)

Saludos Ra'l, el juego de Sawt Al-amal, est. claro, hace dìas que transmite entre las frecuencias de 17670 hasta 17695; desde que se instalò con fuerza la emisiòn de 17660 de m'sica rabe, Sawt Al-amal evita esa frecuencia y las dos m's pròximas.

En el dìa de hoy, Sawt Al-amal empezò su emisiòn en 17695 con seòal muy fuerte, pero menor que dìas anteriores; me ha llamado la atenciòn que en esa frecuencia se anunciara la BBC desde Meyerton. Entonces he mandado la sugerencia de si esa estaciòn pudiera ser factible zona de emisiòn para Sawt Al-amal. Por otra parte en 17630 estaba emitiendo Africa N° 1, en francès con locutora en programa musical, con llamadas telefònicas de los oyentes; luego m's tarde un locutor con debate. Jam's esta emisora ha tenido la potencia y la fuerza de la jammer de m'sica afro-pop; la m'sica de esta emisora no se parece en nada, absolutamente en nada a la m'sica de la jammer afro, ni por asomo.

Sin embargo, la m'sica de la emisora jammer es casi la misma que la emisiòn de la Voz de ;frica en su emisiòn en Hausa.

Puedo casi confirmar, que esta jammer ni tiene la potencia, ni tiene la m'sica de Africa N° 1 via Gabùn. Adem's, la jammer de m'sica afro, es recibida en Valencia a travès de la Sangean, sin antena, con la de ferrita sòlo, me da una seòal muy fuerte, cosa que Gabùn sin antena no se escucha.

Respecto a estas emisoras, ni se puede afirmar nada, ni descartar nada. Hoy hasta las 1220 no apareciò la jammer; Sawt Al-amal se mantuvo en esa frecuencia hasta las 1300 que cambiò a la frecuencia de 17690. M's tarde la emisora jammer cambiò de frecuencia y se mantuvo hasta el final de emisiòn. Un saludo, atentamente (JosÈ Miguel Romero, ibid.)

Hello Raul, Yes, this has been noted and heard here too. 17630 seems to open around 1500 while the Afro-pops continues on whatever channel it's using until close down at 1530 - the music stops and the carrier drops, that is. ANO 17630 goes off c1559 and 15475 opens about three minutes later which suggests that this is the same transmitter, and one additionally put on air for this purpose.

I apologise for mistaking what JosÈ wrote concerning Meyerton and Sawt al-Amal but, like Glenn, I too doubt if this is so. The most likely is that reported by Observer-Bulgaria - i.e. Grigoriopol in Moldova.

And re 17630 again - the most interesting part is that when ANO drops usage of the frequency, up come the Afro Pops. Can that really be coincidence? And someone is informing the broadcaster where to put it

each day! I can't be sure if they are using the same "tape" of music but much of what I hear is very familiar to me now!

And BTW - where is the Libyan V of Africa (Ozma) transmission on 17660 coming from? It's mighty strong here in NW England, unlike RFI 17620 out of Issoudun. How does it sound in Spain and the Americas? 73 (Noel R. Green, England, March 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

17660 was quite loud today March 5, but not checked until 1330 or so, 1353 with drums. I thought this was the one that did not ID as Ozma, just Arabic music. 17620 RFI is generally weaker here, but that could be accounted for by different azimuths. My other observations on this:

17675 and 17680 had // Arabic talk, first time I have noted such a thing: same Libyan program from two transmitters and/or sites? 17675 had something else underneath, maybe Amal today? 17680 was underneath CVC as usual [see CHILE], but by 1352 all I could hear was CVC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Saludos cordiales, hoy 5 de Marzo se observa a las 1158 por la frecuencia de 17660 una emisiÛn de portadora con intervalos de 7 segundos de emisiÛn y siete segundos sin emitir; a las 1200 empieza con el himno nacional de Libia, una locutora con la ID ``Al Jamahirayah al Ozma'', entonces comienza emisiÛn de mÛsica .rabe, SINPO 55544.

Compruebo que en 17680 est. emitiendo Sawt Al-amal, en .rabe con noticias y cuÛas de ID, SINPO 45544. Desde las 1250 compruebo a Africa NÛ 1 en la frecuencia de 17630 en francÛs a locutor con noticias y cuÛa de ID, SINPO 45343. Cuando son las 1215, sin noticias de la emisora afro-pop.

Observaciones con SANGEAN ATS 909 y antena telescopica:

17630 Africa NÛ1, seÛal 1

17660 Al Jamahirayah al ozma, seÛal 3

17680 Sawt Al-amal, seÛal 2

Se aprecia a las 1225 seÛal de burbuja en 17680. Castigando levemente. (JosÛ Miguel Romero, Spain, March 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. Does anyone know what the station on 4845 is? It seems to fade in between 2100 and 2130 in the afternoon (4:00 to 4:30 p.m. EST). Some days it is quite strong. It sounds middle eastern. Can't make out the language. Also can't find any listing for a station on this frequency. Thanks in advance (John Hudak, ODXA via DXLD)

This is likely Radio Mauritanie, Nouakchott, Mauritania. They are usually strongest station here in 60 m in late afternoon, usually on until 0100 UT, though occasionally much later during Ramadan, and

sometimes very late (around 0700 or 0730) sign-on. Programming is usually Arabic, or other vernacular guttaral language, occasionally in French, and with very primitive string (guitar) / drum music (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, *ibid.*) I wonder what lists he consulted; major signal on 60m (gh, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6010, Radio Mil, 0815-0925, 05-03, Señal muy débil hasta las 0855; a partir de esa hora mejora la señal. Canciones en español, identificación entre canciones: "Radio Mil, dos treinta y dos". "Dos cuarenta y cuatro". "Mil AM, tres y cuatro". A las 0900 identificación completa: "Su radio, Radio Mil, 1000 AM, 10.000 watts de potencia, 6010 kHz, banda internacional de 49 metros, m.s que una radio.". "Últimas vacaciones, celebra con nosotros nuestro aniversario, Radio Mil, tres veinticuatro. 14311 variando a 24322 (Manuel Méndez, Lugo, Spain, escuchas realizadas en Friol, 27 Km. W de Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 y Sony ICF SW 7600 G, antena de cable, 10 m. orientada WSW, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Evidently a lack of Conscience (gh, DXLD)

** MYANMAR/BURMA. 5985.83, R. Myanmar (presumed), Mar 4, 1447-1514; in English with historical talk about religion: mentioned ``religion'' and ``Buddhism'' many times and gave several dates; ToH music segment (``Kisses Sweeter Than Wine'' and John Denver singing ``Leaving on a Jet Plane''). Unusable signal after 1515, reception was poor. Positive mention of Myanmar but didn't hear specific ID, but fits their format (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. BTW, were you featured on a special QSL from Radio Nederland back in the early '70's? I seen one on eBay recently. 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, March 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, along with other participants in DX Jukebox; each of us in the center of a record; I just ran across my own copy of that card and maybe will scan and upload it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS. Radio Nederland nueva colección de QSL para el 2006

Hola a todos los amigos del grupo! Radio Nederland Wereldomroep ha emitido una nueva colección de tarjetas QSL para los dxers. Se trata en particular de ocho modelos para el año 2006. Todas estas tarjetas muestran bellísimos paisajes que se queda llamar "maravillas holandesas".

Así que si los amigos dxers desean la colección completa, lo único que deberán hacer es enviar varios informes de escucha a: Radio Nederland, Apartado 222, 1200 JG Hilversum, Holanda. O bien electrónicamente: cartas @ rnw.nl

Cartas@RN 26 de febrero de 2006 --- 73 desde Italia (Nino Marabello, <http://web.tiscali.it/ondecorde/bclnews.it> via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. Radio Pakistan heard here on 11570 at 1600 sign-on in English. "You are listening to the overseas service of Radio Pakistan" ID part way through the news. Off at 1615. Hadn't heard this one in some time so I thought I'd try for it today. 5 March 2006 (Steve Lare, Holland, MI, USA, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. PAPUA NUEVA GUINEA: 7120 Wantok Radio Light, Port Moresby, 0754-0817, Mar 3, English, musical program, man announcer, ID by man "...Wantok Radio...", 24442 (Nicol's Eramo, Lat: 34°34'49S Long: 58°32'26W, Villa Lynch, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

According to info from Sarah Good of Wantok Radio Light at Hannu Romppainen's news-site <http://www.romppainen.net/dxnews.htm> International Reply Coupons are not valid at Papua New Guinea. Hannu's home page is <http://www.romppainen.net/> (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Hope WRL have been returning them (gh)

I know from writing Radio Central, PNG that the programme manager there preferred mint stamps. I don't recall what he said about IRCs but he did not want US dollars; I think it was a problem going to the bank with them (John Sgrulletta, Mahopac, NY, HCDX via DXLD)

** PERU. 6019.65, R. Victoria (presumed), Mar 4, 0852 with their usual raspy voiced, intense preacher, totally covered by strong R. Australia IS at *0859. They seem to have settled into this slightly lower frequency. Would like to catch an ID for this, just to be positive (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, RX340, with T2FD antenna, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Futuras p·ginas web de 2 radios peruanas --- El amigazo Alfredo Caòote me informa de estas dos nuevas p·ginas de emisoras peruanas: Breve, 2 web pages de 2 radios peruanas,

Radio Union 6115 kHz - (880 kHz en Lima)
<http://www.unionlaradio.com>

Milenia Radio 1530 en Lima y Radio Impacto en Huaral
<http://www.radioimpactoperu.com>
(Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, March 5, condig list via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. Radio Pilipinas in very strong at the moment on 15190 // 11890 and 11730 (under DRM). 73 Mick Delmage, AB, 1844 UT March 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST Cf ZANZIBAR; DRM being Sackville March 3-4 only

** PHILIPPINES. RVA Change (Correction) --- Dear DXers, to avoid collision to RFA on 11965 from Tinian to zone 49 at 0000-0030 UT, Sinhala of Radio Veritas Asia will be retained on 11820 kHz. From March 12, 2006 only Bengali of RVA at 0030-0100 will be implemented. Enjoy listening (Ashik Eqbal Tokon, Rajshahi, Bangladesh, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** POLAND. QSL: 9525, R. Polonia, f/d "Gdansk-The Neptune Fountain" card, personal letter and schedules in 69 days for 1 IRC. V/S, Rafal Kiepuszweski-Editor, English Service (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverages, MLB-1, DTS-4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. VOICE OF RUSSIA BROADCASTS FROM NEW DIGITAL TRANSMITTER
Text of report in English by Russian news agency ITAR-TASS on 3 March

The Voice of Russia state Radio Broadcasting Corporation will broadcast its programmes to Europe in a digital format from a new radio transmitter. . .

http://medianetwork.blogspot.com/2006_02_26_medianetwork_archive.html#114139864991798777
(Media Network blog via DXLD) Apparently refers to SW; WTFK??

** RUSSIA. Re 6-039, R Rossi --- Just a guess: these could be Samara-related "873" mixing products.

8243-873=7370

8358-873=7485

There might be something audible also on lower side: 6497 and 6612
73, (Jari Savolainen, Finland, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Moscow --- From 1 March 2006, Radiostation Radonezh, 5940 kHz: 1800-2000 UT Russian. Religious. (NTR-130, Editor Vasily Gulyaev, Astrakhan) Ad : Pyatnitskaya ul., 25, 115326 Moscow
<http://www.radonezh.ru> (Editor) (Rus-DX via DXLD)

Was Radio Radonezh recently, i.e. until February, on shortwave? They restarted a shortwave service in November 2004 (then 1700-2000 via Novosibirsk on 7465), but I seem to recall that they again cancelled it after a while (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENINIG DIGEST)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. FEBA via VT - Merlin A-06 schedule [by site]

9850 1530-1645 smtwtfs FEB Armavir	100 147 Persian ME
11985 2145-2215 ....tf. FEB Ascension	250 27 Wolof W AF
15130 1830-1900 smtwtfs FEB Ascension	250 70 French C AF
6125 0445-0500 ....f. FEB Dhabbaya	250 45 Baluchi W AS
6125 0500-0715 ....f. FEB Dhabbaya	250 300 Sinhala ME

6145 0215-0300	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250 70	Sindhi	SW	AS
6180 1700-1730	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250 230	OrominyaE	AF	
9530 1400-1500	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250 85	Hindi	S	AS
9855 0130-0200	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250 105	Telegu	S	AS
9855 0200-0300	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250 45	Dari	ME	
12025 1300-1400	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250 70	Punjabi	S	AS
15355 1200-1230	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250 85	Tibetan	S	AS
7365 0030-0130	smtwtfs	FEB	Erevan	100 125	Tamil	S	AS
7320 1400-1500	smtwtfs	FEB	Irkutsk	250 224	Telegu	S	AS
7320 1500-1545	smtwtfs	FEB	Irkutsk	250 224	English	S	AS
9550 1902-2030	smtwtfs	FEB	Kigali	250 30	Arabic	ME	
9865 1630-1800	smtwtfs	FEB	Kigali	250 30	Somali	E	AF
11750 1600-1630	smtwtfs	FEB	Kigali	250 30	Afar	E	AF
9500 1400-1515	smtwtfs	FEB	Novosibirsk	250 195	Urdu	S	AS
12035 0200-0245	smtwtfs	FEB	Novosibirsk	250 195	Urdu	S	AS
15530 0400-0500	.mtwt..	FEB	Samara	250 188	Arabic	ME	
15530 0400-0530	s....fs	FEB	Samara	250 188	Arabic	ME	
7375 0030-0100	smtwtfs	FEB	Tashkent	100 131	Bangla	S	AS

(VT via ADDX Andreas Volk, adapted by wb, wwdxc BC-DX Mar 2 via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. SRI LANKA PUTS CLOCKS BACK BY 30 MINUTES

March 04, 2006 23:54 IST [UT + 5:30]

<http://in.rediff.com/news/2006/mar/04lanka.htm>

Sri Lanka will put back its clocks by half an hour and revert to the practise of having the same standard time as India after its 10-year experiment to save daytime failed.

President Mahinda Rajapakse said the country will revert to its original standard time, five and a half hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time, which the country maintained till May 1996.

"The change will take place from the Tamil and Sinhala New Year on April 13," the state-run SLBC radio said. "The president made the order after complaints from parents that school children were inconvenienced by the new time."

In May 1996, the then government advanced the clock by an hour and by October that year brought it back by half hour to put Sri Lanka six hours ahead of GMT.

The advancing of the clock in 1996 was rejected by Tamil Tiger rebels who control large parts of the island leading to two time zones within the island.

Sri Lanka reverting back to its old time zone would have implications for astrologers, computers, airline schedules and Microsoft whose latest Windows versions give Sri Lanka standard time as six hours

ahead of GMT (Via Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, India, dxldyg via DXLD)

It's indicative how isolated from the rest of the world a country is, when it is thought to be MORE convenient to be on a half-hour timezone! I think it would drive me nuts (as an SWL/DXer) to live in Nfld, NT/SA, Sri Lanka, etc., let alone Nepal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SYRIA. Hi! Per recent DXLD post I'd thought I'd give this a try. Radio Damascus, 9330 kHz best in LSB at 9330.06. 2007 UT March 4/06 with sign on announcement in English and time check as 5 minutes past 2000 (only 1-1/2 minutes late). Frequency announcement and program line up. Into News read by man and woman. Quite readable though transmitter hum and probably WBCQ underneath. Commentary at 2024 by woman but very hard to understand. Bridge of Mideastern music at 2025:30, then Press Review at 2028. Further to my Syria log, just checked // 12085 which is also good here at 2040. Some programs have better modulation than others. 73 (Mickey Delmage, Sherwood Park, Alberta, Canada, Rx: Collins HF 2050, Ant: KLM 7-30 MHz Log Periodic, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EUROPE

** TAIWAN. VT - Merlin A-06 registrations of broadcasts via Taiwan:
7380 1500-1530 smtwtfs MNO Taipei 100 250 Vietnamese AS
11550 0900-0930 smtwtfs ABC Taipei 250 205 Indonesian SE AS
11550 2130-2330 smtwtfs ABC Taipei 250 205 Indonesian SE AS
11795 1400-1500 smtwtfs AWR Taipei 100 250 Vietnamese SE AS
15110 2330-2400 smtwtfs ABC Taipei 250 225 Vietnamese SE AS
15445 0100-0200s AWR Taipei 100 250 Vietnamese SE AS
(VT via ADDX Andreas Volk, adapted by wb, wwdx BC-DX Mar 2 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. QSL: R. Taiwan International via Issoudun, 11850, Sharp looking, "Flying Heavenly Lanterns" card with the only correct data being the date! Wrong UT and frequency (1600-1700; 11815 kHz). Ooh, they did get the language right but not for the time and frequency the verifier listed. I now have 4 blank or error-ridden QSLs from this station. Does anyone at RTI know, much less care, what their broadcast/frequency schedule is? Also received newsletter, schedule (ha!) and report form in 26 days for 1 IRC (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverages, MLB-1, DTS-4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 7300, R. Thailand, 1116-1129*, Feb. 27, Khmer/English, OM with talks in lang and stringed instrumentals. IS at 1128 with English announcement mentioning Khmer language and Bangkok broadcast times. Cut-off at 1129. Fair (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, R75, 200' Beverages, MLB-1, DTS-4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U A E. VT - Merlin A-06 registrations of various broadcasters via

A1 Dhabbaya

6010	0030-0100	s.....s	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	85	English	S AS
6010	0030-0100	.mtwtf.	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	85	English	S AS
6010	1700-1800	smtwtfs	RFI	Dhabbaya	250	340	Pashto	ME
6030	1600-1630	smtwtfs	RFI	Dhabbaya	250	45	Pashto	ME
6040	2300-2400	smtwtfs	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	85	Non-Specific	S AS
6125	0445-0500	.....f.	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	45	Baluchi	W AS
6125	0500-0715	.....f.	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	300	Sinhala	ME
6145	0000-0130	smtwtfs	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	85	Non-Specific	S AS
6145	0215-0300	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	70	Sindhi	SW AS
6180	1700-1730	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	230	Orominya	E AF
7210	0030-0045	smtwtfs	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	90	Bengali	SE AS
9530	1400-1500	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	85	Hindi	S AS
9540	0930-1030	smtwtfs	BBC	Dhabbaya	250	0	Dari	SW AS
9540	0930-1130	.....f.	BBC	Dhabbaya	250	0	Farsi	ME
9605	0015-0030	.....s	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	85	Hindi	S AS
9605	0015-0030	smtwtfs	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	85	Hindi	S AS
9605	0030-0045	.....s	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	100	Telegu	S AS
9650	2200-2300	smtwtfs	NHK	Dhabbaya	500	285	Japanese	ME
9855	0130-0200	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	105	Telegu	S AS
9855	0200-0300	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	45	Dari	ME
11695	1600-1630	smtwtfs	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	85	Non-Specific	S AS
11710	0300-0330	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	225	Orominya	E AF
11710	1730-1800	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	225	Orominya	E AF
11975	0300-0330	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	230	Tigrinya	E AF
11975	0330-0400	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	230	Amharic	E AF
12025	1300-1400	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	70	Punjabi	S AS
12035	1800-1815	.mtwtf.	TWR	Dhabbaya	250	225	Non-Specific	E AF
12035	1800-1830	.....s	TWR	Dhabbaya	250	225	Non-Specific	E AF
12035	1830-1845	.....s	TWR	Dhabbaya	250	225	Non-Specific	E AF
13740	1700-1900	smtwtfs	NHK	Dhabbaya	500	285	Japanese	ME
15140	1200-1230	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	85	English	S AS
15140	1230-1300	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	85	Bangla	S AS
15210	0400-0600	smtwtfs	RFI	Dhabbaya	250	255	French	E C AF
15215	1400-1500	smtwtfs	MNO	Dhabbaya	250	100	Non-Specific	S AS
15225	1500-1530	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	75	Nepali	S AS
15225	1530-1600	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	75	English	S AS
15265	1500-1530	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	75	Punjabi	S AS
15265	1530-1600	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	75	Hindi	S AS
15320	1300-1330	.....s	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	60	Uyghur	W CHN
15320	1300-1500	.mtwtf.	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	60	Mandarin	W CHN
15320	1330-1500	.....s	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	60	Mandarin	W CHN
15355	1200-1230	smtwtfs	FEB	Dhabbaya	250	85	Tibetan	S AS
15460	1630-1700	smtwtfs	AWR	Dhabbaya	250	225	Somali	E AF
15520	1400-1500	smtwtfs	YFR	Dhabbaya	250	85	Hindi	S AS
15520	1500-1600	smtwtfs	YFR	Dhabbaya	250	85	English	S AS
15520	1600-1700	smtwtfs	YFR	Dhabbaya	250	85	English	S AS

15590 1230-1330 smtwtfs MNO Dhabbaya 250 85 Non-Specific S AS
17585 1000-1100 smtwtfs NHK Dhabbaya 500 315 English SE EUR
17720 0800-1000 smtwtfs NHK Dhabbaya 500 285 Japanese ME
17720 1000-1100 smtwtfs NHK Dhabbaya 500 285 English ME
21780 0400-0430 smtwtfs ABC Dhabbaya 250 120 Indonesian SE AS (VT
via ADDX Andreas Volk-D, adapted by wb, wwdx BC-DX Mar 2 via DXLD)

** U S A. SWL Winterfest stream --- I didn't get any publicity about it, but noticed that Allan Weiner Worldwide this evening was apparently live from the Fest, until 0200 UT Sat on 7415, discussion of lack of free speech on commercial radio, except WBCQ. Maybe that will be played back at the usual several times.

Website has a prominent link to live streaming from the fest, (whether or not it is on SW?), including Lost Discs Radio Show also originating from Kulpsville, after 0300. <http://111-rni.net:8024/listen.pls>
73, (Glenn, UT March 4, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4/3 0645 5110.2 WBCQ, USA, EE, 2 pxs insieme per errore. MB (Luca Botto Fiora (SWL I1-0799GE) QTH: Rapallo (Genova), playdx yg via DXLD)
Two programs at the same time by mistake, but reception was very good

** U S A. DX Partyline times: still 0500 UT Sunday, but on 9955; 1500 UT Sunday on 7385; 0530 UT Monday on 9955 (Jeff White, WRMI, March 4, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See top for new WOR times

** U S A. KJES: This N.M. SW station gave me a QSL after 10 months, with an apology for the delay. An unexpected pleasant surprise (Bryan Cain, OH, March 4, ODXA via DXLD) They were booming in on 11715 around 1430 Sunday March 5, with extremely predictable programming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Rechecked the Hobby Radio show on Radio Reading Service of the Rockies, Denver stream, Sat March 4 at 2130; reader is Keith, W0NX, and he started out with the February issue of MONITORING TIMES, the Enigma article by Catalano. This surely qualifies as a DX program, altho only on webcast and FM subcarrier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Tonto comes through for me. Just like he always did for the Lone Ranger and true to his word, Tonto came through. He got the QSL card and other goodies into the mail. Today, just a day later, confirmation of my reception report to [pirate] WKQV 1620, "In a rundown shack somewhere deep in the Everglades," arrived as promised. Maybe the shortest DX report on record, but then, there are extenuating circumstances. QSL card, bumper sticker, nifty ball point pen, a million dollar bill, and they even picked up the postage. If only all "licensed" stations were as dependable and considerate of

their listeners (W. Curt Deegan, Boca Ratón, (southeast) FL, March 4, IRCA mailing list via DXLD)

** U S A. 0245 EST, 1710 kHz, Strong Haitian pirate, with news or comment on the political situation in Haiti, haven't heard an ID yet. At 0330 the 1710 station IDed, following a series of recordings of significant events from the 1960's (in English), as "Radio Top Inter". I noticed that the DJ/announcer in speaking with callers would occasionally throw in English words and phrases. This is the strongest I have ever heard this station - in solid for an hour (Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, March 3, WTFDA-AM via DXLD) Boston area

Radio Top Inter is located in Hyde Park-Dorchester, Massachusetts with French Caribbean programming (Paul Walker, FL, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. Speaking of patterns being fixed or not, I noticed KKOB-770 Albuquerque strong and dominating the frequency around 10 pm Central Time last night, coming out of local news and weather at 10:06 and into Michael Savage. I almost never hear them on their night pattern, so I'm wondering if they were having trouble (Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, March 3, NRC-AM via DXLD)

** U S A. CHRISTIAN TV EMPIRE SAVORS A TAX BLESSING
Trinity gets church status, a refund
By ANNE PAINES Staff Writer Published: Sunday, 03/05/06

HENDERSONVILLE --- A ruling that means Sumner County and the city must refund the theme park-like Trinity Broadcasting Network complex here more than \$300,000 in taxes ends an 11-year skirmish and gives the colorful owners much of what they've wanted --- status as a church.

Under an administrative judges decision approved by a state commission last month, televangelists Paul and Jan Crouch have the state's blessing to stop paying property taxes on their auditorium. It is familiar to millions of TBN viewers worldwide as one location of the Praise the Lord show, a glitz-filled mix of prayer, musical entertainment and requests for money. Their land also includes the home of the late country music great Conway Twitty and his Twitty City spread.

The Crouches didn't get a wholesale property tax exemption. TBN must continue to pay on several other parcels found past the ribbon-like entrance banner proclaiming Trinity Music City USA, including the Gold, Frankincense & Myrrh Gift Shop, Solid Rock Bistro and the Twitty mansion. . .

<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?Date=20060305&Category=NEWS01&ArtNo=60305002&SectionCat=&Template=printart>
[also sidebar:] Exemptions in Tennessee for certified churches

(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

TRINITY BROADCASTING HAS WEALTH AND CRITICS
By Anne Paine Staff Writer Published: Sunday, 03/05/06

The wealth of Trinity Broadcasting Network has raised eyebrows and added to criticism about its operation. The most recently available IRS form shows TBN took in more than \$184.3 million in 2003. After expenses, that left \$71.1 million unspent, on top of at least \$311.6 million invested in securities. . .

<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?Date=20060305&Category=NEWS01&ArtNo=60305005&SectionCat=&Template=printart>
[plus sidebar:] TBN chronology (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

TRINITY PROGRAMS SEEN IN JUST ABOUT EVERY COUNTRY
By ANNE PAINÉ Staff Writer Published: Sunday, 03/05/06
<http://www.tennessean.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?Date=20060305&Category=NEWS01&ArtNo=60305003&SectionCat=&Template=printart>
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD) Never mentions SW or KTBN

** UZBEKISTAN. Radio Tashkent --- Maybe this has been reported before, but as I was out of the country for a while, I don't know for sure. Per a postcard received from Radio Tashkent in late February:

"We are on receipt of your letter of December. Thanks a lot. "We are sorry to inform you that we stopped broadcasting on shortwaves [no date given] Now you have to listen to our broadcasts via Internet. Stay in touch with us as our website can be changed soon. [no URL given] "Yours sincerely, RTI"

This postcard had a color photo of a Tashkent circus, a flying saucer shaped building with poor reproduction of colors, and was postmarked February 16 (Roger Chambers, Utica, New York, March 4, 0DXA via DXLD)

That was my most distant DX ever from Cleveland. So sad; anyone can listen on the web, except Chinese (Bryan Cain, *ibid.*) So you never heard, e.g. All India Radio? Tash SW ended with 2005y (gh)

** VANUATU. 7260, Radio Vanuatu, Emten Lagoon, 0832-0840, Mar 03, Vernacular, comments by man, ID "Vanuatu", 24332 (Nicol's Eramo, Lat: 34°34'49S Long: 58°32'26W, Villa Lynch, Prov. Buenos Aires, Argentina, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN. POPE BENEDICT XVI VISITS VATICAN RADIO ON ITS 75TH BIRTHDAY

Pope Benedict XVI visited Vatican Radio yesterday on its 75th anniversary, describing it as a voice at the service of the truth and

reconciliation. The Pope greeted listeners live on a programme in Italian. The Pope then toured the station, which broadcasts in 45 languages. He greeted the staff personally and had photographs taken with them: 384 people of 59 nationalities. A group of staff members presented the Holy Father with a brand new iPod nano, loaded with special Vatican Radio programming and classical music. The station currently has podcasts in eight languages.

A Real Audio report on the Pope's visit is available on the Vatican Radio website. <http://www.vaticanradio.org/audio/ra/00046518.RM>
posted by Andy @ 10:49 UT March 4 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. INSOLITO --- Una radio impulsada por el Ministro de la Defensa. Radio Fuerte Tiuna 106.1 FM. Caracas, Venezuela. Como si fuera poco la militarizacin del pas en todos los rdenes y el control de los medios por parte del gobierno, a la Fuerza Armada Nacional se le ocurre ahora crear una emisora de radio verde oliva. La estacin, en perodo de prueba, lleva por nombre Tiuna 106.1 y es dirigida por el Ministro de la Defensa, vicealmirante Orlando Maniglia. Pero la nmina de locutores, en lugar de sargentos o comandantes, tiene a muchachas que imitan el estilo de las emisoras FM del dial capitalino que colocan msica variada, en lugar de canciones de All Primera y nueva trova cubana. Por los momentos, mientras se cumple el tiempo de prueba, no se difunden partes militares ni consignas de guerra. Fuente: Columna "Por mi madre" de Tal Cual. Viernes 03/03/2006 (via Jorge Garca Rangel, Venezuela, Noticias DX via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. RNV via RHC, Sunday March 5 at 1452 with very good signal on 11670, // 11875 but audio reverb indicating different feed route. Also good on 17750, with pre-produced Caribbean feature, not HCF. At 1538 check also found // audio on 13750, poor (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Solar flux 75 and mid-latitude A-index 2. The mid-latitude K-index at 1500 UTC on 05 March was 0 (4 nT). No space weather storms were observed for the past 24 hours. No space weather storms are expected for the next 24 hours (SEC via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. VOV Director General Vu Van Hien said the launch of a programme in German will help German listeners as well as German nationals in Vietnam gain a better understanding of Vietnam. Those who can speak German will be able to access more information about the country

Radio the Voice of Vietnam (VOV) on March 1 announced the launch of a new programme broadcast in German, which will supply information about Vietnam and the world, as well as news about Vietnam-German relations.

After selecting translators carefully, VOV had organised training courses to provide them with broadcasting skills to launch the programme.

So far, VOV is the only mass media in Vietnam providing information in German to German speaking-communities in the world. A senior official from the Europe Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nguyen Cong Luan praised VOV for its great efforts to launch the new programme.

"In Vietnam, there has been no programme broadcast in German such as the one VOV has launched," he said. "The programme will act as a bridge to closer relations between Vietnam and Germany."

He hoped that the German Government will continue to further support Vietnam in all fields, especially in language training, which will help the two countries get closer and build deeper mutual understanding.

Germany established diplomatic ties with Vietnam in 1975 and the two countries have strengthened and developed their fine relations over the past 30 years. Vietnam and Germany have recently obtained significant achievements in co-operative relations, especially in the field of economic co-operation.

Germany is a European Union member country, which has poured huge investment into Vietnam, currently standing at nearly US\$350 million. Two-way trade turnover between the two countries reached nearly US\$2 billion and is expected to increase in the future.

Therefore, the new programme is an urgent requirement in the current context in Vietnam. VOV Director General Vu Van Hien said the launch of a programme in German will help German listeners as well as German nationals in Vietnam gain a better understanding of Vietnam. Those who can speak German will be able to access more information about the country. VOV decided to launch the programme on the Oversea Service Channel, VOV5 and VOV6 from March 1 (via A-DX Mar 1 via BCDX via DXLD)

Sehr geehrte Damen und Herren, mit grosser Freude habe ich den Start der deutschsprachigen Sendungen aus Hanoi aufgenommen. Ich komme jetzt [2130 UT] erst dazu, mal in das neue Deutschprogramm hinein zu h^ren.

Sch^ne helle Stimmen und gute Modulation der amerikanischen Continentalsender.

2130-2140 UT
9730 kHz, besser auf oberer Flanke bei 9732 kHz mit der Synchronous

detection Funktion des Sony ICF2001 abzustimmen.

Von 9725 kHz sprazelt CRI China Radio International Arabisch aus Urumchi mit 500 kW herein. SINPO 33333, oder 7 Dioden von 10 leuchtend an der Sony Anzeige.

7280 kHz heute die bessere Frequenz von beiden. SINPO 44444, oder 9-10 Dioden leuchtend an der Sony Anzeige (Wolfgang B,schel an VoV, Mar 2, ibid.)

7275, REE Madrid stoert hier nicht, weil Stuttgart noch in toter Zone liegt, in Norddeutschland mag das anders sein (B,schel, BCDX via DXLD)

** ZANZIBAR. A digital transmitter (I presume) killed excellent reception of Radio Zanzibar 11735 just 1 minute into the English newscast at 1800 UT today March 4/06. Still covering them at 1823. How long has this been going on? 73 (Mick Delmage, AB, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yesterday & today only, fortunately, special DRM from Sackville for the SWL Winter Fest, as in recent DXLD under DIGITAL BROADCASTING. 73, (Glenn, March 4, ibid.)

Thanks Glenn, Hopefully the guys in Kulpsville will notice the broad interference it causes (Mick Delmage, AB, ibid.) See also PHILIPPINES

** ZIMBABWE. ZIMBABWE COURT GIVES MORE TIME FOR CASE AGAINST VOP TRUSTEES

Harare Magistrates Court has thrown out a bid by trustees of Voice of the People (VOP) to be removed from remand. The Court has given more time for investigators to look for fresh evidence to be used in the prosecution of the trustees, charged with broadcasting without a licence.

The court ruled that the six trustees must return to court on 27 April. In the meantime, the judge said the state could proceed to gather more evidence to be presented to the court. The attorney of the trustees, Beatrice Mtetwa, had argued in court that the six led by chairman David Masunda, a well known journalist in Zimbabwe, be removed from remand on the basis that the State had failed to prove its case against them. VOP broadcasts via the Radio Netherlands Madagascar relay, which is fully licensed with the Madagascar authorities. (Source: Africa News Dimension)

posted by Andy @ 11:21 UT March 4 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

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## UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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## DXLD NOTICE DESIGNATED PORN SPAM

MDaemon has identified your message as spam. It will not be delivered.

From : hard-core-dx-bounces@hard-core-dx.com

To : henk.kerkdijk@nieuwheeten.org

Subject : [\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\* Score/Req: 19.1/15.0] [HCDX] DX Listening Digest  
6-038; WOR 1306; Schedule; COM 06-02; Nets to You Message-ID:

<20060302022006.16049.qmail@web51105.mail.yahoo.com> Yes, score=19.1

required=15.0 tests=BAYES\_99,PORN\_URL\_MISC, UPPERCASE\_25\_50

autolearn=no version=3.0.4 \*\*\*\*\* \* 1.6 PORN\_URL\_MISC

URI: URL uses words/phrases which indicate porn (misc) \* 18 BAYES\_99

BODY: Bayesian spam probability is 99 to 100% \* [score: 0.9994] \* 0.0

UPPERCASE\_25\_50 message body is 25-50% uppercase (via DXLD)

Evidently this one got sidetracked since it contained the WOR schedule with more capitals than usual. 99.94% probability?!?! But what in the world have caps to do with porn? This spam filtering method perhaps requires a smidgin of further work (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## PUBLICATIONS

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Re: Phil Atchley's Logs, 6-039:

Hi Glenn, I read the your post and made the needed corrections to WWRB. Thank you. I think you mentioned this to me before, but I kept clicking on the ILG (or other) databases that are apparently also incorrect. Now I just need to go through and correct my actual logbook. 73 de (Phil, K06BB Atchley, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Which he had already done as soon as I rechecked it. Way to go! I looked up WWRB in the WRTH 2006 and they still mention McCaysville as WGTG, but show schedules only for WWRB in Manchester. Apparently WGTG is still licensed back in GA, but inactive (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

## CALL LETTER HISTORIES

Here's a great resource whenever you're curious as to why your favorite AM, FM or TV station has a particular (and peculiar!) call sign: <http://nelson.oldradio.com/origins.html>

And BTW, although the "old radio" terminology in the URL accurately describes the wealth of historical data presented, the site's coverage is also excellent for contemporary on-air stations. Enjoy! 73 (de

W5DRP/4, Jim Brown, Arlington VA, WTFDA via DXLD) Coincidentally:

RADIO, TV STATION CALL LETTERS ARE PACKED WITH HISTORY

/By/ David M. Kinchen Editor, Huntington News Network

<http://www.huntingtonnews.net/columns/060304-kinchen-comment.html>

Hinton, WV (HNN) -- Ever wonder what the call letters of your favorite radio or television station stand for? Of course you have! The other day, listening to WBAP on my computer, I wondered what the letters for the Fort Worth-Dallas station represent. A friend in a university town east of Dallas suggested: "We Bring a Program."

Being a careful type -- and a veteran copy editor -- I Googled for station call letters and found several sites that explain what the letters stand for. One of them is:

<http://nelson.oldradio.com/origins.call-list.html>

Sure enough, my friend was right! The letters in WBAP, an AM talk radio station, do indeed stand for "We Bring a Program." Normally, a station west of the Mississippi River would have call letters starting with "K" as in KFI, a venerable Los Angeles station that was founded in 1922 by car dealer Earle C. Anthony, with the "FI" part standing for "Farmer Information."

Farmer information in L.A.? It makes sense for my hometown of Rochelle, IL, smack dab in the middle of the corn and soybean belt. Radio stations in the farm belt typically provide frequent weather and other information for farmers. Eight decades ago, the Los Angeles area was a major agricultural center, with citrus groves and vineyards every where and the San Fernando Valley a major wheat growing area. Farmers needed weather data so they could put out their smudge pots and turn on sprinklers to keep the oranges from freezing. Most of the farms are paved over or covered with houses, but KFI lives on.

Speaking of catering to farmers, WSOY in Decatur, IL is named in honor of one of the Midwest's major crops, the mighty soybean. Decatur is also home to Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. (ADM), a major food manufacturer and soybean processor.

The station call letter site is packed with of historical data for trivia fans. Very often, the call letters reflected the ownership of the station (see paragraphs below). In the case of WOAY in Oak Hill, WV, the "Y" should have been a "K" -- "OAK" -- but the application was handwritten and the FCC people in Washington, DC, according to the web site, read the scrawled "K" as a "Y." Moral of the story: Type out the application!

More about the "K" and "W". The letters K and W originated early in

the 20th century as part of a worldwide index of ship radio stations. K stood for ships on the East coast, W for ships in the Pacific. For some reason -- perhaps a Washington, DC mix-up -- when the letters were extended to land-based stations, they were reversed, with the Mississippi River eventually adopted as the dividing line. Ever since 1923, stations west of the river start with a K, those east of it start with a W. There are several exceptions, and the above listed web site has a map of "K" stations east of the Mississippi River and "W" stations -- like WBAP -- west of the Big Muddy. One of the nation's oldest stations -- Pittsburgh's KDKA -- is a "K" station well to the east of the Mississippi River.

Right now, I'm listening to Chicago radio station WLS, another powerful talk radio station. Once owned by Sears, Roebuck and Co., the call letters stand for "World's Largest Store." Which Chicago-based mail order giant Sears was in the days before Wal-Mart. Another Chicago station, WGN, long owned by the Chicago Tribune, stands for "World's Greatest Newspaper," a slogan printed on the front page of the newspaper when I lived in Chicago four decades ago.

It's often foggy in San Francisco, hence KFOG. Parkersburg, WV has a WVNT, which stands for "Valley News Talk," reflecting the city's location in the Ohio River valley. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, which severely damaged the town, Gulfport, Mississippi's WROA ("Wonderful Riviera of America") is now strangely ironic. WOW in Omaha, Nebraska, is not a comment on the excitement that's pervasive in the Nebraska metropolis, but rather a reflection of the one-time owners, Woodmen of the World, a fraternal insurance company.

WNOV in Milwaukee has long been a station aimed at African Americans: It stands for "Wisconsin's Negroes' Own Voice." Another ethnic indication is Miami, FL's WQBA, which is aimed at Cuban-Americans: QBA = Cuba.

Two venerable stations in the South have only three letters, reflecting an earlier pattern: WSM in Nashville, TN reflects the ownership of the station by the National Life & Accident Insurance Co.: "We Shield Millions." WSB in Atlanta stands for "Welcome South Brother," whatever that's supposed to mean!

The Milwaukee suburb of Wauwatosa is a mouthful. Many residents of the greater Milwaukee area call it "Tosa." A station licensed to Wauwatosa uses the call letters WTOS. The New London-Groton area of Connecticut is home to a major submarine base, hence WSUB for Groton, CT.

The "last word in broadcasting" was the slogan of the venerable Detroit, Mich. station WXYZ, now called WXYT. WXYZ was the radio home

of "The Lone Ranger" from 1933 to 1956. I remember as a kid on a southwestern Michigan farm -- before we moved to Rochelle -- listening to "The Lone Ranger" on WXYZ.

Check out the site or others and see if these call letters bring back similar memories. Radio is indeed a magic medium (via Kevin Redding, ABDX via DXLD)

And this article is packed with inaccuracy. I dropped the editor a note, pointing out that, among other things, he confused advertising slogans with requested call letters. WBAP was an assigned call letter, and did not stand for anything -- it was given out sequentially by the old Department of Commerce, starting in April 1922 when WBAA, WBAB, WBAC, etc., got handed out. (The Nelson site he mentioned does say We Bring a Product is a "slogan" but I don't think the writer understood that distinction...)

Often in the good old days, owners would get a call letter and then fit an advertising slogan to it. I also told him about how some of the calls came from the ships at sea -- when a ship sank, the next ship didn't want those call letters (after the sinking of the Titanic, all ships had to have a shipboard station to broadcast weather reports, emergency info, etc); but if a ship sank, the next ship considered those calls bad luck and wouldn't use them. So the Department of Commerce gave them out to radio stations. But hey, at least the guy wrote about broadcasting history, for which I thanked him (Donna Halper, ABDX via DXLD)

This is true. Station WDAE in Tampa, which was Florida's first licensed operating station, was named sequentially, as Donna says. Station management later on came up with a slogan ("Wonderful Days and Evenings"), but this occurred much later. The listing also shows that the station has been replaced by WUSA, but in fact the station merely changed frequencies. It has been WDAE continuously since around 1922, at one frequency or another (Dick W., *ibid.*)

#### LANGUAGE LESSONS

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#### ``JUMHURIYA'' AND "JAMAHERIYA"

Hello Glenn, re: ``We must remember that ``Jumhuriya'' or its variants merely mean Republic, not necessarily referring to Libya (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)``

Let me try to explain this. Jumhuriya in Arabic means republic, i.e. the official name of Egypt is Jumhuriyat Masr Alarabia "Arab Republic of Egypt" so the ID of any official Republic in the Arab world would

be Jumhuriyat, etc.

But in the Libyan case it's totally different, it's Jamaheriya. I know it's hard for anybody who doesn't speak Arabic to get the difference, but the meaning as well is different as Jamaheriya means ruled by the people.

P.S. I recall once you were asking about the meaning of a [fire]drake dragon in Arabic. I'm afraid to say that word is really difficult to figure out, but the most close to it is "TEN'NEEN" -- that's dragon! All the best my friend, yours (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, March 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

0 yes, this came up before some time ago. I don't doubt that there is a clear distinction in Arabic, but that's exactly what Republic means -- a thing of the people. And the two Arabic words obviously come from the same root (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM

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El Grundig G4000A: Personalmente [creo que es] uno de los receptores más completos del mercado, incluyendo SSB. Ver especificaciones:

[http://www.etoncorp.com/US/products/product\\_specs.aspx?specs=true&prodID=31&catID=1&subCatID=2](http://www.etoncorp.com/US/products/product_specs.aspx?specs=true&prodID=31&catID=1&subCatID=2)

(Jorge Garcia Rangel, Barinas, Venezuela, Noticias DX via DXLD)

Viendo la foto me he dado cuenta (al menos por fuera) que el G4000A es idéntico al Sangean ATS-505. Yo te puedo hablar del Sangean ATS 505 (que es igual al Grundig) aunque sólo lo uso cuando estoy fuera de casa o bien al lado de la cama. Estoy contento con él, aunque si le pongo la antena externa en el conector al efecto satura, por lo que le pongo directamente un cable de 10 mts conectado a la telescopica y mejora bastante. Me gusta la sensibilidad que tiene y en FM no lo veo mal. A mi me costó 110 euros esta navidad y lo veo bien en relación calidad precio, aunque yo lo que buscaba era un receptor portátil normal-barato y este cubre mis expectativas; en casa uso un

transceptor ICOM y para mÙvil un YAESU (Francisco del Toro Zamora, ibid.)

#### DIGITAL BROADCASTING

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#### DRM SUPERIOR TO IBOC

A DRM tem muitas vantagens em relaÃ§Ã£o ao IBOC. Foi muito mais testada,  limpa, no interfere nas frequÃncias vizinhas, ocupa menos,  mais versÃtil, tem mais utilidades, est. mais desenvolvida e no foi criada a partir de uma teimosia dos americanos contra o resto do mundo.

Viva a DRM - a verdadeira R·dio Digital Mundial (SÈrgio Oliveira - F·tima - Portugal, radioescutas via DXLD)

While DRM may be better than IBOC, it's incredible that he asserts that DRM does not interfere with neighboring frequencies! I can't disagree, however, with his assertion that IBOC is a result of American stubbornness against the rest of the world (gh, DXLD)

DRM: see also GERMANY, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, ZANZIBAR

#### PROPAGATION

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#### SOLAR MINIMUM HOAX

Jake Groenhof, N0LX of Golden, Colorado sent an interesting and amusing email titled "Solar Minimum Hoax." He mentioned all the fun he's been having as we slide toward the end of Cycle 23, working hams around the world from his backpack pedestrian mobile QRP rig.

Jake writes:

"This will be my first solar minimum as an active ham. To top it off, I've operated almost 100% QRP (sideband) for the past four years and I'm beginning to think this solar min stuff is all a hoax. How else could you explain this past weekend?"

He continues, "I was up on a hilltop near the home QTH in Colorado running five watts from a backpack-mounted radio on 17 meters. My second contact was Hawaii. Then, a few QSOs later I was talking to Yuu, JH1OCC, in Japan. A half-hour later I received a 57 signal report from Hiro, JE7JIS."

He goes on to say, "The East Coast was well represented from New York to Florida, and a MD station recorded one of my transmissions

and sent it to me in an e-mail. Here is a link to the recording from my website: <http://hometown.aol.com/N0LX/N3HQB-N0LX> "

He continues, "The weird thing was the complete lack of W6 calls. Not a single California station to be heard in four hours. Maybe it's not a hoax. It's a conspiracy!"

Jake uses some impressive antennas for his backpack rig, and I'll bet he is careful about walking near power lines. In fact, all of his photos show him standing out in the wide open spaces of Colorado.

Check out photos of the setup he used last weekend at, <http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/tallpack.html> At the <http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/hamradio.html> page you'll see many links to photos of his mobile and pedestrian endeavors.

Not to be missed is Jake standing in a snowstorm using an antenna suspended from a balloon! See it at, <http://hometown.aol.com/n0lx/snowday.html>

Very impressive. Thanks, Jake, for sharing the audio recording and these extraordinary photos with us! If you would like to make a comment or have a tip for our readers, email the author at, k7ra @ arrl.net

For more information concerning radio propagation and an explanation of the numbers used in this bulletin see the ARRL Technical Information Service propagation page at, <http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html> An archive of past propagation bulletins is found at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/prop/>

Sunspot numbers for February 23 through March 1 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 11 and 0 with a mean of 3.1. 10.7 cm flux was 75.1, 76, 76, 76.5, 77, 77.1, and 77, with a mean of 76.4. Estimated planetary A indices were 3, 6, 1, 5, 3, 5 and 7 with a mean of 4.3. Estimated mid-latitude A indices were 4, 4, 1, 3, 2, 2 and 5, with a mean of 3 (ARLP009 Propagation de K7RA, March 3, via Dave Raycroft, ODXA via DXLD) ####